

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. H. E. DUNN's translation of K. Drapier's "Great Histories of Human Literature" in the Massachusetts "Gazette" is announced by T. C. Cowell & Co. The volume will contain an appendix offering extracts from the works of the authors named.

Mr. Stevenson's story, "Kidnapped," has been remarkably successful in this country, the first edition of 20,000 copies having been exhausted in the fortnight since its publication. The publishers say that his story, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," a thousand copies have sold every week.

It is pleasant to hear that a personal memoir of the late Randolph Caldecott is in preparation—though a more engaging, but not more accurate biographer than Mr. Henry Blackbury might be found. The volume is to have hitherto unpublished examples of Caldecott's delightful drawings.

Mrs. Alcott's sequel to "Little Men" is completed and will be published in October.

It would be difficult, *The London Globe* says, to discover an intellectual quality which the index-maker does not require. "He must have a high degree of imagination in the truest sense—enough to put himself in the place of every possible student for every possible purpose, so as to know, by a sort of instinct, what each would require. He must have the logical faculty that knows what to omit as well as what to insert; and he must know the work he deals with, not merely with mechanical precision but with intelligent mastery. Indeed, the ordinary index-maker is in this unfortunate position—he requires qualities that would place him above his work, and yet he cannot do his work efficiently without them. The result is that there is scarcely such a thing as a really good index in the world; nor will there be, until the trust is recognized of the fact that the production of more indices to books, and not more books themselves, is the most practically useful work in which any trained scholar can engage. A good and comprehensive index should be worth, to its compiler, the number of its words in gold; and its achievement should imply fame."

An editorial writer for *The New-York Times-Democrat*, in whom it is easy to recognize Mr. LaFayette Horner, says that the most important part of what is being done for the preservation of the dying Creole patois of Louisiana is the work of a German—Dr. Hugo von Schuchert, of Vienna—who is collecting all the materials that he can obtain through various correspondents. "Schuchert" is the greatest living figure in this field of research; for he has applied scientific methods of the most advanced kind to his study of Creole, and possesses his understanding upon a really colossal scale. Not only all the French Creole dialects—including those of the African colonies—have been included in it, but also the multiform Spanish and Portuguese Creoles of the two Indies. Six of the latter have already been analyzed in the professor's *Kroatische Studien*.

New Publications.

MR. JULIAN HAWTHORNE

SAYS OF

"KIDNAPPED."

By ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON:

"There is perhaps a book for every mood, and even the sea-holiday mood may find its affinity now and then. If so, it would not be easy to designate a career more promising than that of Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson, who, whether he chances on 'An Island Voyage,' or 'Travels with a Donkey,' or 'Kidnapped,' will be sure to find a market."

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